

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object of the present invention to provide a disk apparatus having a function of externally the forcible  
5 unloading manipulation of an optical disk, and for enabling the forcible unloading manipulation only on the basis of clear recognition that a user intentionally performed the unloading of the optical disk, the disk apparatus enforcing such recognition. In the disk apparatus for loading and driving an  
10 optical disk, and for recording or reproduction of data on the optical disk, the disk apparatus comprises first release means and second release means for a mechanism for unloading a loaded optical disk to be manipulated externally, wherein manipulation of the second release means forcibly unloads the  
15 loaded optical disk by manipulation of the first release means.